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FROM USPERMREP ICAO

E. O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: ICAO - INCREASING COSTS OF NEW BUILDING

REF: (A) MONTREAL 2079; (B) A-15, OCT 15, 1973

1. CANADIAN REP ADVISED USREP TODAY PRIVATELY THAT MINISTRY EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: OTTAWA AT DEP. MIN. LEVEL HAS TAKEN NEGATIVE DECISION FOR SECOND TIME REGARDING GOC MAKING "GIFT" OF \$1.1 MILLION TO COVER UNEXPECTED PRE-OCCUPANCY COSTS. DECISION HAS BEEN FORMALIZED IN LETTER OCTOBER 31.

2. CANREP EXPECTS THAT FINANCE COMMITTEE CONSIDERATION OF FI-458 WILL BRING ON NEGATIVE REACTIONS AND STRONG SUGGESTIONS THAT ICAO SHOULD ABANDON NEW BUILDINGPROJECT AND MOVE FROM CANADA TO NEW POST SITE.

3. IN OPINION USREP, THIS WILL NOT BECOME SERIOUS POSSIBILITY SINCE ABANDONING BUILDING WOULD BE EXPENSIVE EVEN THOUGH GOC IS GUARANTOR OF LONG RANGE LEASE.

4. IT NOW BECOMES NECESSARY FOR ICAO TO SQUEEZE AVAILABLE FUNDING IN EFFORT TO FIND \$1.1 MILLION AS DESCRIBED FI-458. FINANCE

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DIRECTOR AND OTHERS CONTINUE TO BELIEVE THAT BARRING UNFORESEEN

CIRCUMSTANCES, THIS SITUATION CAN BE HANDLED WITHOUT TAPPING
RESERVES OR CONSIDERING SUPPLEMENTAL ASSESSMENT. HOWEVER,
SHOULD BUILDING CONSTRUCTION CONTINUE LAG, AND ADDITIONAL UN-
EXPECTED FINANCING BE REQUESTED, SUBJECT MAY BECOME VERY IMPOR-
TANT BY '74 ASSEMBLY SEPT, IF NOT BEFORE.
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